

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Preliminarily, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of withdrawn claim 34.

Claims 1-42 have been cancelled. Claims 43-96 are new. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added as a consequence of these amendments. All the newly added claims read on elected species.

Claims 24-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,536,599 to Masuko *et al.* ("Masuko"). Applicants note that newly added Claim 43 corresponds to previously pending Claim 24. Claim 43, *et seq.*, is believed to address this rejection. Specifically, in Claim 43 when R₁ represents a halogen atom, R₄ represents alkyl, and the bond represented by the dotted line is absent, then group A represented by -CONR₉R₁₀ may not be -CONH₂. Similarly, newly added Claim 75, *et seq.*, is believed to be patentable over Masuko in view of the following limitation:

"wherein the bond represented by the dotted line is present, and the geometry across the resulting double bond may be in the E- or Z-configuration"

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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